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work, additional Munsiffs were appointed to those places. He suggested that one of the Additional Munsiffs' Courts might be located in his Taluk and added that the people are willing to give a building for holding the court till Government are able to provide one.

Dewan's reply.—This matter has not been lost sight of by the High Court or the Government. We know the inconveniences at Changanacheri. However, the question has to be held in abeyance till the passing of the Bills amending the Civil Courts and the High Court Regulations, now before the Legislative Council.

211. Improvement of four canals.

Mr. Kurien Kathanar Mathen said that, in the Changanacheri Taluk, the *punja* lands depended for water-supply upon four canals—Mulakkanchira, Chereel, Chalakkal and Kuttipuzha and requested that they might be improved.

Dewan's reply.—Will be attended to after inspection by local officers.

KOTTAYAM TALUK.

212. Steam-launch communication between Kottayam and Alleppey.

Mr. N. Krishna Pillai represented the necessity for a steam-launch communication between Kottayam and Alleppey. The chief products of Kottayam and the neighbouring Taluks, namely, ginger, pepper and copra, were being generally exported from the port of Alleppey. A steam-launch communication would facilitate the transport of those articles to Alleppey. Again, owing to the location of the District and Sessions Court at Alleppey, people from those Taluks went there almost every day. The journey in boats across the Vembanaad lake was not free from risk and loss of life was not of unusual occurrence. He then referred to a private company which started a steam-boat service in the year 1063 M. E. (1887-'88)with the aid of Government grant. The company kept up service for a month or so and then discontinued it. Another company started the same service recently, but soon gave it up. He observed that in the present stage of advancement of the country, it was not easy for native companies to start and continue such business unless Government helped them with funds; and pointed out that, in the absence of the existing water communication, Government would be compelled to open and maintain a road for at least 16 miles at enormous cost. In consideration of these facts, he requested that Government might take early steps to start a steam-boat service between the two places.

Dewan's reply.—Will be noted.

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